WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION CERTIFICATION

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission met on Monday, July 21, 2008, to consider the rezoning of approximately 20 acres from the AG-SF1 District to the LB District. Notice of public hearing was advertised and noticed and presented to the Advisory Plan Commission. Notice was shown to have been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Hamilton County, Indiana. The proposed rezone is as follows:

0709-REZ-04, Douglas Realty Group, LLC, 16024 Spring Mill Road, Requests a change in zoning for approximately 20 acres from the AG-SF-1 District to the LB District

A motion was made and passed by the Advisory Plan Commission to send 0709-REZ-04 to the City Council with a negative recommendation.

I, Gregory J. Anderson, AICP, being the Secretary of the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the meeting of the Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission held on July 21, 2008.

Gregory J. Anderson, AICP, Secretary

<u>July 24, 2008</u>

Date

Case No.

0709-REZ-04

Petitioner

Douglas Realty Group, LLC

Description

16024 Spring Mill Road, Requests a change in zoning for

approximately 20 acres from the AG-SF-1 District to the LB District.

Mr. Doug McCauley presented the petition and some background on the project.

A Public Hearing opened at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Joe Ferraro asked the Commission to stick to the Comprehensive Plan or change it all and give this item careful consideration.

Mr. Fred Boyer expressed concern about the homes around him which are either being sold, rented, or are vacant and believes this is not a residential area any longer; he further believes this area should be commercial.

Mr. Jim Ake expressed concern about traffic issues and does not see any way this project would benefit the area.

Mr. Ron Thomas spoke against the petition referencing the Special Study which involved over 300 people of which 75% were against commercial versus the 30 citizens the petitioner claims are in favor of commercial.

Mr. Joe Plankis spoke against the petition referring to the Comprehensive Plan and the Special Study.

Mr. Mic Mead spoke against the petition stating there are other areas already approved in better locations for commercial development.

Ms. Renae Jordan spoke against the petition and stated the retail center currently at 161st and Springmill is not yet full and therefore, does not believe more retail is necessary in this location.

Mr. Neil Schneider spoke in favor of the petition stating he would rather see a commercial zone with a park and parking for the soccer fields rather than people walking through his yard. He further stated he would rather this project than more residential.

Ms. Susan Spencer spoke in favor of the petition and believes this is a great opportunity for Westfield.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

McCauley responded to the public hearing comments.

Anderson reviewed the staff report and petition history stating this petition is inconsistent with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan and staff recommends the Commission sending this petition to the City Council with a negative recommendation.

Smith reminded the Commission that the City Council has passed a resolution regarding this area and based upon the extensive community surveys done, they would not look favorable upon this rezone.

Motion: To send 0709-REZ-04 to the City Council with a negative recommendation.

Motion by: Stokes; Second by: Spoljaric; Vote: (9-0)